

# BROADVIEW POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Community Outreach Program Bureau

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## Fireworks and the law

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This Police Watch newsletter is just one of the ways that the Broadview Police Department is trying to connect with our Community. By sharing information with you, we can keep you informed about what's happening in town. We hope that you'll find it informative. Please contact us with your suggestions. COPS@broadview-il.gov

Source: [http://www2.illinois.gov/keepcool/pages/fire\\_safety](http://www2.illinois.gov/keepcool/pages/fire_safety).

The Office of the State Fire Marshal and the National Fire Protection Association recommend that people attend a professional fireworks display on July 4th to ensure a safe holiday.

People interested in shooting fireworks, either privately or as a professional display, need to be aware of Illinois' new fireworks regulations that recently went into effect. The regulations divide fireworks displays into two categories:

- consumer fireworks, which include such items as fountains, repeaters and parachutes
- pyrotechnic displays, which use professional grade fireworks such as mortars, cake bundles, and ground displays that depict a picture.

Both types of displays are only permitted in villages, municipalities and counties that have passed ordinances allowing such displays.

**It's important to note that several well-known types of fireworks, such as firecrackers, bottle rockets and Roman candles, are not allowed in Illinois under the new regulations.**

Novelty fireworks, such as snakes, sparklers, and party-poppers, are not regulated by the state, although municipalities have the authority to enact an ordinance prohibiting the sale and use of sparklers on public property. While legal, sparklers present a serious danger because of the high temperature of the wire during and after its use. Sparklers burn at temperatures of up to 1,200 degrees Fahrenheit (982 degrees Celsius) and remain extremely hot long after the sparks have stopped. Many children are injured each year by sparklers. Children playing with novelty fireworks must be closely supervised by adults to prevent injury



## Local Ordinance Chapter 12 15-12-1

Also prohibits the use of fireworks at ANY location within the village.



**ANONYMOUS**  
Crime Tips can be  
Sent to:  
COPS@Broadview-il.gov



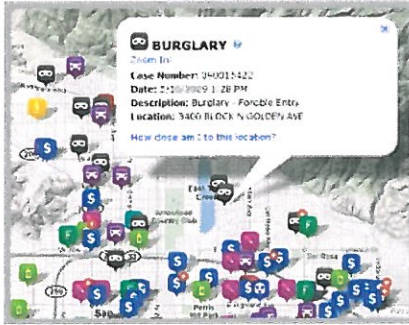
Next meeting  
is  
July 27th



## Police Department advances with the help of modern technology

Recent advances in crime-fighting technology are allowing the Broadview Police Department to utilize cutting-edge crime mapping software in ways that we could only dream of just a few years ago.

Mapping out crime trends allows us to more efficiently utilize our resources. Instead of merely responding to crimes after they've already been committed, we plan to gather intelligence and utilize it by strategically assigning Police Officers to areas of concern, before they become a real problem.



One of the most exciting parts of this technology is that this crime-mapping aspect will be accessible to Broadview residents 24/7, through any internet capable computer or device, including your smart phone.

The Village of Broadview deserves a Police Department which operates in the 21st century, and we're proud to be moving forward to serve you better.

## Bike Patrol is back!

You asked for it, so it's happening. Throughout the summer and fall, when staffing allows, you will once again be seeing bike Officers all around town.

We'll be concentrating on our parks and residential areas, to maximize visibility where we're needed most.

Crime prevention and interaction with the community are our main objectives with this unit. Officers are encouraged to stop and talk with residents in an effort to keep our finger on the pulse of the village.

Squad cars are useful, but they can be somewhat isolating.

Bike Officers have the unique ability to access areas of town which are difficult to patrol. For instance, criminals might not expect to see a Police Officer emerge from in between two apartment buildings, or from the rear of a park instead of the front. These bikes give us a tactical advantage and can also act as a deterrent to crime.

We hope you're pleased to be seeing us out there again.



## Did you know?

Teens who do not participate in after school programs are nearly three times more likely to skip classes or use marijuana or other drugs; they are also more likely to drink alcohol, smoke cigarettes and engage in sexual activity

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Next Month: Truck Enforcement